



CrossCurrents

Advent 2020



Pastor's Perspective

For many of us, Christmas is at least in part about traditions. Of course the absolute heart of Christmas – the reason for the season – is celebrating the coming of Christ as the Babe of Bethlehem. Anything else and everything else, as much as we might enjoy all the rest of the festivities and traditions of Christmas, is clearly secondary.

And yet, traditions matter, and have meaning, and help make the season bright. So you might be wondering, as I have been, what will happen to our Cross of Christ Advent and Christmas traditions this year, this very non-traditional year?

Due to the ongoing surge of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic locally, nationally, and globally, we will have to forego some of our Christmas traditions, reimagine others, and create some new ones. I and others have been working on this for some while now, and I'd like to share some of what the seasons of Advent and Christmas will be like for your church this year.

Sadly, given the very concerning trends in infections, hospitalizations, and all that is associated with that including very clear and firm directions both from health and government leaders including Governor Inslee and from the Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA, the Cross of Christ Council unanimously affirmed the need to postpone in-person worship for now. That means we won't be able to host

Christmas Eve or Christmas Day worship in the Sanctuary. That's a loss, a tradition that is hard to set aside. But out of concern for the health and wellbeing of our members and our community, we will do our part and make this sacrifice.

However, we will continue to worship, differently, as we have been since early March. In addition to worship for Sundays in Advent, this year we're offering what we hope will be simple, sweet, and meaningful Midweek Advent reflections. The 15 or so minute recordings feature music from our Directory of Worship and Music Ministries Ben Fowler, along with some reflections, prayers and litanies from me. I hope they will help fill the gap this year, and fill your hearts with gratitude for the gift of the Christ Child.

We're also already in the process of creating a Christmas Eve worship recording that we offer to you, and invite you to offer to others – friends, family, and neighbors. There will be Christmas hymns and carols along with special musical offerings, the reading of the Christmas story, a Christmas homily, and the singing of "Silent Night" to candlelight.

Christmas Day worship will be from my home, in front of my Christmas tree and fireplace, where the stockings are hung with care! We'll sing some more of our favorite carols, share some reflections on **C h r i s t m a s** traditions, and even open some presents!



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The following Sunday – December 27, the First Sunday after Christmas and the Third Day of Christmas - we're going to receive a gift. No, not three French hens. Our Bishop, Synod staff, and pastors and musicians from the area are sharing a full recorded worship service with us and all of the congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod. I look forward to watching and worshipping with you and with our ELCA siblings on this special day.

In addition to worship – in new ways this year, of course – another tradition I invite you to enjoy is the outside decorations that have been put up by the small but committed team of Art and Gale Hill, Helmut Rae, and myself. This year, garland and wreaths and lights are joined by an outdoor Christmas tree, and the Advent/Giving Tree has been moved from its usual place to a front window. Please enjoy these lovely decorations as you drive by, or drop of your offerings or items for the Homebound Gift Bags.

The outside tree is the tree that has graced our Sanctuary for so many years now that it was time to retire it from this service (and find a fun new use for it!). A brand new tree is on its way as I write this, the cost of which is mostly covered by a Dedicated Fund for Worship Enhancement (so no money was taken from our General Fund). This is the same fund we use to purchase poinsettias each year.

We will still be purchasing poinsettias, but far fewer this year. We won't be doing our usual bulletin inserts for donations and dedications. However, if you would like to contribute anyway, your gift will be put toward the reduced order for poinsettias and other Christmas flowers as well as the cost of the new tree. Thanks in advance for those who will give to this fund.

With the new tree and our inability to gather in person this year, we'd like to start a new tradition. We are asking members and associates to donate an ornament to be used to decorate the new Sanctuary tree. Each ornament will represent a different member household and together, they'll make for a beautiful tree that will reflect our unity this Christmas even though we have to remain physically apart. Here's how to donate an ornament.

First and foremost, only offer an ornament that you are OK with giving to the church. We won't be returning ornaments after Christmas – they'll remain a part of our Christmas decorations for years to come – a new tradition! While not necessary, it might make sense to donate a non-glass or non-breakable ornament. Second, please place the ornament in a box or bag with your name on the outside.





You can then drop them by the church office. If you do so on a weekday, there's a good chance I'll be here. Ring the doorbell to find out. If I'm not here, place the box or bag under the bench to the left of the front door. I'll check for them each time I come to campus. All donated ornaments dropped off by 5 pm on Wednesday, December 16, will be placed on the tree in time for the Christmas Eve recording session. Thanks.

We hope the Sunday, Midweek, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and First Sunday after Christmas recorded worship services will help brighten this holy season for you and your family. We also hope new traditions like our church family Christmas tree with donated ornaments will also bring you comfort and joy. But mostly, we pray that even in this most untraditional year, the tradition of welcoming the good news of great joy of the birth of our Savior will remain at the center of your Advent and Christmas seasons.

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. Galatians 4:3-5 (New Living Translation)

Merry Christmas,

Rev. J. O. Thomas

READ A LESSON FOR AN UPCOMING SUNDAY

Another way to be a part of our worship services at this time is to read and record a lesson. Lectors are sent the readings along with some simple tips on how to record them in advance. You can record on your laptop computer, cell phone, or tablet. It is a joy to share God's word, and a joy to "see" members doing so in our recorded services. If you're willing to be a lector in the coming months, please email Pastor Dave at pastordave@cofclc.net.

Adult Faith Formation
THE PASTOR'S STUDY



Almost every week, Pastor Dave invites you into his study on the campus of Cross of Christ for a behind-the-scenes peek at the research he does for the upcoming worship service and sermon. "The Pastor's Study" takes a deeper look at the Biblical texts, with details and sidetracks that don't make it into the sermon. Please join Pastor Dave in "The Pastor's Study" via the Cross of Christ YouTube channel.

It's the Little Things

The last colorful leaves hanging on the tree. The crunchy cookie pulled from the freezer. The surprised burst of my mom's laughter on the phone. The warm rump of the dog as she scoots closer to me on the couch. The kind eyes of the women connecting with each other on the Zoom array. The warm minty smell wafting up from a freshly poured mug of tea. The fog on my glasses as I walk through the rain. The interrupting kitties pushing into the bathroom looking for some petting. The quiet patience of people waiting in line at the post office. The church bells beckoning us to worship online. The newspaper clippings from my dad in the mail that he hopes I'll enjoy. The swirling watercolors of the print of Haystack Rock at Canon Beach hanging on my bedroom wall. The husband who hugs, cleans, makes jokes, and perseveres though tired. The kids who burst out into cheers when a new bag of books comes home from the library.

There are so many little things... and big things to be grateful for – family, friends, home, health, work, etc. These things should never be taken for granted. Most importantly, our faithful God, Emmanuel, who comes to be with us in the midst of it all.

I could make another list of the people and things I'm missing or the problems beyond my control, but instead I offer those things to God's care. And then I call myself back to the many things I have to be grateful about and the things that are in my control, to help the people and things I care about. I'll focus on the little things... and say thanks.

Your sister in
Christ,

Pastor Judy



FEELING THANKFUL

This strange year has impacted many things in many ways, including the annual Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Covenant Gathering. Unable to meet in person, the event looked to be in jeopardy of being cancelled for the first time in 34 years. But thanks to a small team from Cross of Christ and other Interfaith Covenant communities of faith, we were able to gather differently this year with a wonderful recorded program of music, prayers, readings, and reflections. Very special thanks to Colin Walker, who continues to volunteer his time and talents in many ways at Cross of Christ, including as our worship and special events editor and producer. Next year we are looking forward to be able to gather again face-to-face, with Cross of Christ hosting.

Advent Worship



The season of Advent is underway, and you are invited to watch and worship with us via our recorded services. In addition to Sunday services, we are also recording short and we hope sweet midweek Advent reflections with music, Scripture, prayers and a brief weekly devotional homily from Pastor Dave. These and our Sunday Advent worship recordings will be posted on the Cross of Christ YouTube channel throughout the season, with emails with links to that week's recordings sent to All Members each week.

Hope

Peace

Joy

Love



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING VIDEOS

We are asking for your help and participation. We would love to have you record yourself and those in your household lighting Advent candles to be shared in upcoming Advent worship services. The candles can be part of an Advent wreath, but any candles will do. If you are willing to share a short recording, please email Director of Worship and Music Ministries Ben Fowler – ben@cofclc.net - to receive some brief directions on how to make and send a recording. Thanks for helping us stay connected as we share the light of Christ's love during Advent.

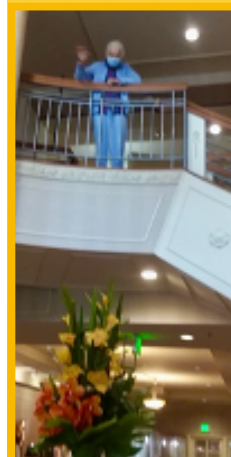
STAYING IN TOUCH

THANK YOU

Heartfelt thanks for all your prayers, cards, and good wishes following my hip surgery. I am getting stronger every day, and hope to be "cane-free" soon! I miss you all and appreciate the love shown by this congregation. May we all be together again soon.

Blessings,

Bev Walker



"Greetings everyone. I miss and love you all. You can see I am practicing safe distancing and wearing my mask. Stay safe and well.

Prayers, love, hugs and Thanksgiving Blessings to you and your families."

Anna Baseler

COVID-19 UPDATE



Even as we hear encouraging news about the development of potential COVID-19 vaccines, the current circumstances with the spread of the coronavirus locally and nationally continue to be moving in concerning directions. Cases, hospitalizations, and death are rising at an alarming rate. In response, Washington

Governor Inslee recently issued new directives to restrict the opportunities for spread. For the most part, the measures only serve to reinforce the good measures we already have in place at Cross of Christ.

We all long to be together again, to hold events and meetings on campus, and especially to return to in-person worship. However, we **MUST** do our part to slow the spread of the virus, especially over these upcoming winter months. Please stay safe and healthy, and continue to follow proven

methods that doctors, scientists, and sound guidance call us to - properly wear a mask, practice safe distancing, avoid large and even for a while small gatherings, and wash hands regularly.

With Council 's unanimous affirmation, Cross of Christ will be following government guidelines as well as the very strong suggestion of Bishop Shelley Wee of the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA, and will not plan for in-person, indoor worship to restart until at least March. We may be able to return to limited in-person worship then, or we may have to delay even longer depending on the COVID-19 trends and recommendations and regulations by health, government, and synodical leaders. Thank you for your continued patience, prayers, and participation in recorded worship, fellowship, sharing, serving, and faith formation offerings from Cross of Christ.



Filming the "At Home" Worship Services

CHRISTMAS AND YEAR-END GIVING

In these thanks-giving and gift-giving seasons, as you give gratitude to God and make plans to give gifts to your loved ones, I want to say thanks for all the gifts you have given to Cross of Christ this year, including your financial support. Your offerings really, really matter, enabling us together to do the ministries that make a difference in the lives of our members, neighbors, and around the world.

I would also humbly ask you to consider making an additional Christmas or end-of-year gift to your church. Last year, you rallied to close a financial gap in a marvelous and inspiring way. This year, with very careful financial management, your generosity, and the much-needed Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program loan/grant of about \$130,000, we've managed to stay fiscally solid in spite of the havoc we've experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, being both prayerfully optimistic and carefully realistic, it is not an overstatement to say that the financial vitality of Cross of Christ in the coming year is uncertain. We do not know how long the pandemic will continue. We do not know how long it will be before we can return to in-person worship. We do not know if and when our valued outside user/renter groups will return. We do not know the financial impact of the pandemic on our members.

But we **DO** know that you have always proven to be faithful, joyful, and as generous as you are able to be in supporting your church and our shared mission and ministries. A special, additional gift before the end of this year, or early in 2021, would go a long way in enabling leadership to plan wisely with confidence that cuts do not need to be made to programs, staffing, outreach, building and grounds upkeep or any other vital work and support at Cross of Christ.

Thank you so much for prayerfully considering what you can do financially and in all other ways as we continue to partner together to worship, grow, share, serve, and welcome all.

-- Pastor Dave Thomas





“Sew” Thankful to Eastside Quilters

One of the few groups who “normally” use the Cross of Christ facility which has been able to continue to meet – differently – during the COVID-19 pandemic is Eastside Quilters. These wonderful women have been so flexible, meeting in the parking lot once a month for quilt exchanges and in support of their philanthropic endeavors. The joy they find in quilting and one another has not been dimmed by this difficult time.



Nor has their generosity – as evidenced by their gift of a gorgeous quilt to Pastor Dave, a true group project over the past five months or so. At their outdoor meeting in late November, the masked and socially distanced group members circled around Pastor Dave in the Garden of Remembrance labyrinth to present him with the lovely gift, along with cards of appreciation for the partnership they have with Cross of Christ and for our welcoming of them over the years.

Thanks, Eastside Quilters, not only for this truly beautiful gift, but for the beautiful example you are of Cross of Christ’s hopes for community connections and partnerships.



CUB SCOUT WREATH SALE SUMMARY

Thanks to the many members who purchased wreaths for our Cub Scout Pack 673 this year. Distribution was different but very efficient, as the Pack set up a “drive-through” wreath store in the Cross of Christ parking lot. As they do every year, the Cub Scouts donated several wreaths and garland to the church for our Advent and Christmas decorating. The Pack says “thank you” to Cross of Christ, and we say “thanks” in return.



Parent Education Program
Learning and growing together.

Dear Pastor Dave and Cross of Christ
Lutheran Church, 11/24/2020

The board members of the Bellevue College Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for Parent Education would like to convey our gratitude and thanks for hosting our Goodwill Drive on Saturday November 14.

The Goodwill Drive was our most success event to date! Thank you to all who came out to donate. We were able to fill two trucks. The funds raised will assist families in need of scholarships to attend Bellevue College Parent education classes.

We appreciate your support and hospitality. We could not have had such a successful event without it! THANK YOU!

Regards,

Melicent Smith
Vice Chairperson
Parent Advisory Committee
boparents.org

Bellevue College Parent Education

Church Directory

Cross of Christ has an online church directory available through the church management service *Breeze*. Our “web address” or “subdomain” is cofc.breezechms.com. Many of you are already using Breeze to keep your contact information current and to access the addresses and contact information of fellow church members. This information is available only to church members through a password protected account. If you are not already using Breeze you will receive an email in the next few days inviting, you to set up an account. This invitation will allow you to create a unique user name and password. When logging you will have an opportunity to update any of your information.

Once you have set up an account you can log in to our church's Breeze account at any time by entering our church's unique web address (cofc.breeze.com) which will take you to your personal landing page where you can sign in using your username and password.

Note that the username is not necessarily an email address, but something created by you when you respond to the invitation. If you ever have trouble logging in because you have forgotten your user name or password, contact the church office at office@cofclc.net and Judy will help you get connected.

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Some members have asked for suggestions for giving in addition to Cross of Christ general fund. Here are some suggestions of some of our partners that we know could use a financial boost and blessing as they continue their efforts while having to respond to the coronavirus:

Eastside Baby Corner, The Sophia Way, Congregations for the Homeless, Hopelink, Cross of Christ's Good Samaritan Fund, ELCA Disaster Response, ELCA World Hunger, Good Start Back to School, Days for Girls, Operation Bootstrap Africa, and The Plaster House of Tanzania.

Giving Tree

An opportunity to continue to support families served by Hopelink.

In these different times, what has been our Giving Tree for gifts for Hopelink to distribute, this year they are having a "Gift Card Gift Room". They are asking for money donations so they can purchase the needed gift cards so their families can receive gifts this holiday season safely and fairly.

If you choose to donate for the Gift Cards please send you contribution directly to Hopelink/ Gift Card Room, P.O. Box 3577, Redmond, WA 98073-3577 so they can purchase the cards by **December 11**.



Days for Girls Tanzania

The Days for Girls committee would like to thank all those who have contributed to our goal of supplying sanitary, reusable, menstrual kits to the Maasai Girls Lutheran School in Monduli, Tanzania. We raised \$3,206 in 2019. We worked with Operation Bootstrap Africa (OBA) on this project. OBA worked with the school in developing a test project to see if the kits would be beneficial and be accepted by the girls. The result of the test project was that the girls welcomed the kits, and so 350 kits were ordered in March 2020. The kits were sewn in Tanzania by a local Days for Girls Enterprise in the Monduli area, providing work for local women. They were distributed to the girls after the Corona Virus lockdown ended in Tanzania on June 29, and the girls returned to school. We also purchased 63 additional kits for the new class of girls coming to school in September.

Operation Bootstrap Africa fully supports the distribution of the Days for Girls menstrual care kits. They published an article in their Spring "Dignity" publication featuring the need for sanitary, reusable menstrual products in Africa to improve young women's opportunities, so they won't miss out on school, church or work. They highlighted our project to supply kits to MGLSS. Since then, they have had an application for 350 kits from Plaster House, a rehabilitation home in Tanzania for children recovering from surgery. The kits will be distributed to the girls and their mothers who are staying at Plaster House. There has also been a request for 100 kits by the Arusha Lutheran Medical school which trains nurses in Tanzania. OBA has obtained funding for both of these requests from new donors, and the kits have been ordered.

Cross of Christ has will be raising funds to supply 165 DFG kits for the Moringe Secondary Lutheran school in Monduli, Tanzania. The kits will cost \$13 each. It has been suggested that when we are asked what we want for Christmas, we could suggest a donation to our Days for Girls project. Checks can be made out to Cross of Christ with Days for Girls in the memo line.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile project that is improving girl's health, educational opportunities, ability to work, and participate in church activities.

Working together we can accomplish great things.

If you have any questions, call Carol McCandless 425-885-3235



Get Involved

sophiaway.org
volunteer@sophiaway.org

Ark Holiday Baskets



We are so sorry to announce that the Ark Holiday Basket Sale will not be held this year. Because of COVID -19, it was not possible to make this happen.

But - we do want to ask all of you to help the Ark in a different way. In lieu of the baskets, we are asking for a donation to the Ark. We are so grateful that the Ark is still operating under these trying circumstances and that the students and staff are all safe.

We would love to receive a donation in any amount you can offer. If you decide to help you can send a check payable to -

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
425 - 156th Ave NE
Bellevue WA 98007

Please note as "Ark Donation" in the memo area on your check.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and know that the children and staff are so appreciative of all that we can do for them.



Nourish

Donate home-cooked meals or a restaurant meal.

Helen's Place (Kirkland)

Hot lunch & dinner for 40 women (every day)

Sophia's Place (Bellevue)

Cold lunch

- for 30 women (Wed, Thu, Sat)

- for 21 women (Su, Mon, Tue, Fri)

Hot dinner for 21 women (every day)

Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/meal2020>



Volunteer

Volunteer your time

Helen's Place (Kirkland) Thursday, 12 - 4 pm

Sort and organize in-kind donations

Sophia's Place (Bellevue) Fridays, 2 - 4 pm

Sort and organize in-kind donations, clean and organize the pantry and kitchen

Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/vol-don-2020>



Donate In-kind

Help us stock our two shelters with essentials items and supplies. View needed items at

<https://sophiaway.org/shelter-needs/>

Donate in-person on these days:

Helen's Place (Kirkland) Thursday, 12 - 4 pm

Sophia's Place (Bellevue) Fridays, 2 - 4 pm

Sign up to choose a drop-off day

<https://tinyurl.com/vol-don-2020>

Or order directly from our [Amazon wishlist](#).

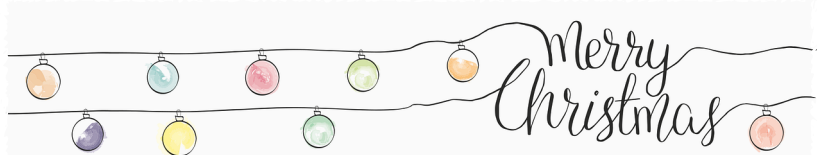
Imagine Housing

Kicking Off Our Resident Holiday Gift Drive

Each year, Imagine Housing collaborates with community partners to provide holiday gifts to children, seniors, and veterans living at our 15 communities. Our goal is to provide a \$25 gift card to each of our 1,400 residents, and we've started our shopping now! You can donate a \$25 gift card to any of the following stores: Walmart, Target, Fred Meyer, QFC, and Kroger.

visit <https://imaginehousing.org>
To donate a gift card.

Thank you!





Happy Hour with Pastor Judy

Hope to see you at Happy Hour! Tuesdays at 4:00 PM
Join Zoom Meeting

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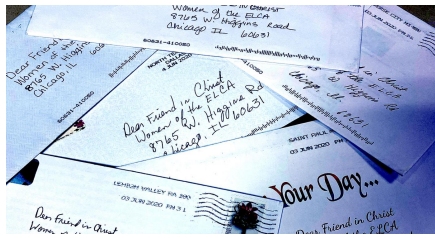
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(No Meeting December 22)



They are Happy !

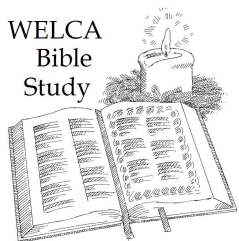


DEAR FRIEND IN CHRIST

Want to sustain the community that is a hallmark of Women of the ELCA? Then join Dear Friend in Christ, a unique letter-exchange project to which all participants are invited. How does it work?

1. Write a letter. Use the "Dear Friend in Christ" salutation. Fill a page or two, however you are inspired. Among other things, please share your thoughts on these questions: How is your faith in Jesus Christ sustaining you during the global pandemic? What words of encouragement can you offer the person who receives your letter?
2. You can handwrite or type the letter.
3. You could include a drawing, a photo, or a recipe, anything that fits into an envelope.
4. Offer up a prayer for the recipient.
5. You may include your mailing address in the letter if you do not wish to remain anonymous.

WELCA BIBLE STUDY LEADERS' GUIDES



Each month Pastor Dave helps those leading WELCA Circle Bible studies (these days via Zoom or other online venues) by researching the biblical texts from

"Gather" magazine, the periodical for women from the ELCA. While Pastor Dave's studies are primarily for those facilitating the monthly discussions, all are welcome to watch the recorded guides, posted on or around the first Wednesday of each month on the Cross of Christ YouTube channel. In December, "Gather" offers a devotional on Advent rituals including singing, writing, moving, and connecting. When the guide is ready, an email is sent out to All Members.

New Book Study starting in January with Pastor Judy!

We will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 10:30am and 6:30pm.

We will be discussing "Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again" by Rachel Held Evans

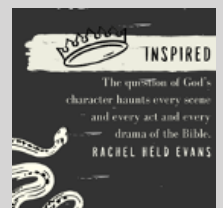
Order your book from your favorite local bookstore or from Amazon.

Click here to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0445ADA728ABF58-inspired>

If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she began a quest to better

understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. What she discovered changed her and it will change you too.

Drawing on the best in recent scholarship and using her well honed literary expertise, Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and even a short screenplay. Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries. The Bible, she discovers, is not a static work but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world.



6. Print and sign the [Dear Friend in Christ release form](#). If you don't have access to a printer, please use [our online form](#). We cannot exchange letters without a release.
7. Mail your letter and signed release form to Dear Friend in Christ, Women of the ELCA, 8765 W Higgins Road, Chicago IL 60631.

Deadline for mailing letters to the churchwide organization has been extended until March 5, 2021.

What else do I need to know?

1. When you write to Dear Friend in Christ, your letter will be swapped with a letter from another writer. They will get your letter; you will get their letter. The exchange is anonymous (unless you provide your contact information), so you can share as little or as much information about yourself as you like.
2. Dear Friend in Christ is open to all participants, although **writers under 18 must have parental consent**. [Download the release form](#).
3. Letters are paired at random, and we will try to match participants with someone in a different geographical part of the ELCA. Women of the ELCA staff read all letters before the exchange happens.
4. Letters will be mailed to participants on a rolling basis, beginning in June 2020. We will continue exchanging letters received through March 5, 2021.

PASTOR DAVE TAKING VACATION

No, really, he is! Actually using his earned vacation hours has not been one of Pastor Dave's stronger suits in his six plus years as our called Lead Pastor. While he had some time off planned this summer, COVID-19 and his need to help lead our response prevented him from taking extended vacation this year.

However, with a little nudging (insisting would be more accurate) from the Personnel Committee and Council, and the ability to plan ahead, Pastor Dave is scheduled to use a combination of vacation and holiday hours to take a well-earned break after Christmas.

Pastor Dave will be on vacation from Friday, December 25 through Tuesday, January 19. He will be attending a virtual ELCA World Hunger conference January 20-22. He will return to the office and his regular duties on Monday, January 25.

Plans are already well underway for recorded worship during Pastor Dave's time off, as well as coverage of his other roles and tasks. More information will be shared soon – keeping reading the weekly emailed edition of CrossCurrents to learn more.

OFFICE HOURS AND HOLIDAYS

While the physical office is closed, we keep regular "virtual" office regular hours Monday through Thursday, 9:30 am to 2 pm. Office Administrator Judy Giseburt is available to answer you phone calls and emails during these times. Please note that the office will be closed Thursday, December 24 through Thursday, December 31 for Christmas and New Year's. The office reopens (virtually!) on Monday, January 4. Holiday blessing to our staff and to all.

2020 Contributions

All 2020 Contributions must be postmarked or delivered to the church secure mailbox by December 31.

2021

Contribution Envelopes

Among the many disruptions of 2020 has been the distribution of contribution envelopes. If you have requested envelopes for 2021 be assured that they are on their way and we will update you as soon as we have more information.



Financial Report						
Month and YTD Ended October 2020						
	Month			Year - to - Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav)
Revenue						
October 2020 General Fund Receipts	\$ 29,812	\$ 38,800	\$ (8,988)	\$ 191,635	\$ 232,800	\$ (41,165)
October 2020 Other Income	\$ 4,434	\$ 3,285	\$ 1,149	\$ 25,279	\$ 19,700	\$ 5,579
October 2020 Total Income	\$ 34,246	\$ 42,085	\$ (7,839)	\$ 216,914	\$ 252,500	\$ (35,586)
Expenses						
October 2020	33,966	42,094	8,128	230,591	252,500	21,909
Net/Year to Date Net	\$ 280			\$ (13,677)		

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For pastoral emergencies outside of office hours (Monday-Thursday 9:30 am – 2 pm) please contact Pastor Dave at 602-481-6709.

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Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries	Judy Brennan	502-415-5883	pastorjudybrennan@gmail.com
Online Communication	Kristie Walker	425-746-7300	kristie@cofcl.net
Bookkeeper	Denise Fuentes	425-746-7300 x108	bookkeeper@cofcl.net
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